

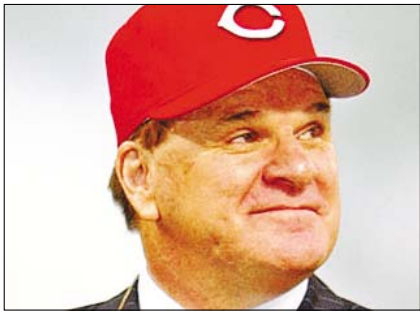
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SARS | FIRST-CASE SCENARIO



PREVENTION: A Chinese police officer covers his mouth Monday during a raid on a wildlife market. Authorities ordered the slaughter of thousands of civet cats after tests linked them to the first confirmed SARS case since an outbreak was contained in July. **More:** China responds | Page 5

450 Wash. Calves to Be Killed

WASHINGTON | U.S. agriculture officials have decided to kill 450 calves in a Washington state herd that includes an offspring of the cow diagnosed with mad cow disease.

Ron DeHaven, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief veterinarian, said Monday that the month-old calves would be slaughtered this week at an undisclosed facility.

The herd that is to be destroyed is one of three under quarantine in Washington because of ties to the diseased Holstein. The other herds contain cows that probably are from the same Alberta farm as the 6 1/2-year-

old Holstein, but DNA tests to confirm the cow's origins are not complete.

Officials decided to kill all month-old calves in the Sunnyside, Wash., herd because they cannot determine which one was born to the infected cow. While officials have said contaminated feed is the most likely source of infection, they cannot rule out transmission of the disease from mother to calf.

The meat from the calves will not enter the food supply, nor will it be rendered for use in animal feed or other products, DeHaven said. MARK SHERMAN (AP)

Airports Step Up Screening

System checks fingerprints, photos of foreign travelers

CHICAGO | Foreigners arriving at U.S. airports were photographed and had their fingerprints scanned Monday in the start of a government effort to use some of the latest surveillance technology to keep terrorists out.

The program allows Customs officials to check passengers instantly against terrorist watch lists and a national criminal database. The goal is to "make sure our borders are open to visitors but closed to terrorists," Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge said.

The changes came as the United States entered a third consecutive week on high alert for terrorism, including especially tight security involving foreign flights.

The checks target foreigners entering the 115 U.S. airports that handle international flights, as well as 14 major seaports. The only exceptions will be visitors from 27 countries — mostly European nations — whose citizens are allowed to come to the United States for up to 90 days without visas.

Also exempted will be most Canadians, because they usually are not required to get visas, and Mexicans who are coming into the country for a short time. MELANIE COFFEE (AP)



A Customs officer at Charlotte-Douglas International Airport scans a traveler's fingerprint.

SPORTS | Blowin' in the Wind What Dean Wittstruck found in his Martell, Neb., field looked to be the leftovers of one very happy New Year's Eve party. What it turned out to be were balloons from the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas — some 900 miles away. The University of Oregon faced

Minnesota in the bowl game Wednesday; Wittstruck came across the deflated balloons Thursday. National Weather Service meteorologist Brian Smith said the helium-filled balloons could have been carried by the jet stream at speeds between 90 and 120 mph. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

EyeOpeners

ENVIRONMENT

Natural-Born Killers

A group of Girl Scouts has started a fund-raising campaign to battle a bug with another bug. To fight the woolly adelgid — a pest that's hurting hemlocks at their 380-acre Camp Louise, near Berwick, Pa. — the Penn's Woods Girl Scout Council is raising money to release beetles that eat the insects. The Scouts hope to fund the release of 5,000 ladybird beetles, the only natural predator of the woolly adelgid. The council has launched an Adopt-A-Beetle campaign, for which supporters can sponsor a beetle for \$3. (AP)

HEARSAY | GAME BOY

"He was sitting right in there with the stuffed animals."

—MARK ZITTEL
OF THE SHEBOYGAN, WIS., FIRE DEPARTMENT, ON THE RESCUE OF A BOY WHO GOT STUCK AFTER CLIMBING INTO A GAME MACHINE IN WHICH PLAYERS GRAB ANIMALS WITH METAL PINCERS. THE BOY WAS UNHARMED.



VICTOR KOROTAYEV/REUTERS

HOLIDAY CHEER

Christmas Flare

The holidays have passed here in the States, but it's still prime holiday time for many in Russia, where festivals celebrating Orthodox Christmas have blazed into high gear. Ahead of Christmas Day on Jan. 7, Russians can visit with Grandfather Frost, their version of Santa Claus, or take in any a number of festivals, including this Christmas show by the group Theatre of Fire. Their pyrotechnics delighted onlookers Monday at Moscow's Hermitage Garden. (EXPRESS)

HEALTH

Ton of Fun

Mankato, Minn., residents hope to lose a ton of weight in the new year. The "Lose a Ton" event is designed to provide a system of support, advice and an atmosphere of fun to help people lose weight, said Micki Schaffer (right, with fellow organizer Debbie Matzke), fitness director at the YMCA. Organizers say losing a collective 2,000 pounds will be easier if a lot of people sign on to the effort, being sponsored by the YMCA, Immanuel St. Joseph's Hospital and Mankato Clinic. Those 18 or older can



sign up for the program at the YMCA or on its Web site. The program, which begins Jan. 10, is free and open to anyone. (AP)

ANIMAL WATCH

Learning to Walk

Walking the dog isn't as simple as it once was at the Central Dakota Humane Society in Mandan, N.D. The shelter now requires volunteer dog walkers to take a class on how to handle the animals before they're allowed to grab a leash. Shelter manager Sue Buchholz said the classes will ensure both dogs and walkers are ready to begin a mutually productive relationship. (AP)

LAW

Careless Criminal

James Paul Egan allegedly robbed a 7-Eleven in Kern County, Calif., at gunpoint, taking care to conceal his identity by covering his face. Then he ran into the back yard of a nearby house and threw out all the allegedly incriminating articles, including the jacket he'd been wearing — with his county jail property identification card, complete with photo in the pocket. He was quickly arrested. (AP)

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In Brief

WASHINGTON

Bush: United States Won't Lift Sanctions Against Libya

President Bush refused to lift U.S. sanctions against Libya, saying Moammar Gadhafi must take concrete steps to fulfill a pledge to scrap his chemical and nuclear weapons programs. Bush said Monday he was keeping in force a declaration of national emergency first issued by President Ronald Reagan in 1986, accusing Gadhafi's regime of sponsoring terrorism. The sanctions have denied Libya access to hundreds of millions of dollars, according to U.S. estimates. (AP)

DES MOINES, IOWA

Bradley Expected to Endorse Dean's Bid for White House

Former U.S. Sen. Bill Bradley, who lost the Democratic nomination for president to Al Gore in 2000, is expected to endorse front-runner Howard Dean, party officials said Monday. The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Dean and Bradley planned to announce the endorsement this week. (AP)

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

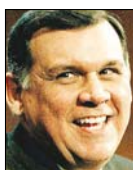
Former Mayor Sworn In Again After 36-Year Absence

Four decades after he last held Springfield's top job, Charles V. Ryan was sworn in as mayor Monday on a promise to fix the financial problems plaguing the city. Ryan, 76, who first served as mayor from 1962 to 1968, inherits a city racked by a \$40 million deficit, low bond ratings and deep cuts in state aid. Federal authorities are also investigating the suspected misuse of housing money. (AP)

TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

Ex-HUD Chief Files Papers to Enter Fla. Senate Race

Former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Mel Martinez began his run for the Republican nomination for the U.S. Senate on Monday, saying he is not banking on his presidential connections to win the primary. The move allows Martinez to begin raising money for the campaign to succeed retiring Democratic Sen. Bob Graham. (AP)



Martinez

Martian Landscape: Now in 3-D

NASA examines 360-degree images from rover

PASADENA, CALIF. | Combining 21st-century rocket science and 1950s B-movie technology, NASA on Monday released a 3-D, black-and-white panoramic picture of the bleak surface of Mars snapped by the newly landed rover Spirit.

Reporters at a news conference were issued cardboard 3-D glasses to look at the 360-degree image of a desolate plain strewn with rocks.

"I feel like I'm at a bad, '50s B-movie," mission manager Matt Wallace said as he watched a roomful of reporters take in the image at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

NASA scientists used the high-resolution image Monday to pick the first target on Mars they want Spirit to visit: a dusty depression that could yield clues to whether the Red Planet was once hospitable to life.

The golf-cart-sized Spirit made an apparently flawless landing on Mars late Saturday, returning NASA to the planet's surface for the first time since 1997.

The \$820 million unmanned project also includes a twin rover, Opportunity, set to land on the opposite side of Mars on Jan. 24.

ANDREW BRIDGES (AP)



Journalists from around the world on Monday look through 3-D glasses at the latest images of Mars snapped by the newly landed rover Spirit in Pasadena, Calif.

Picture-perfect: The latest on the Mars mission, including details on the images being transmitted back from the Red Planet's surface | washingtonpost.com/nation

DERAILMENT | TRAIN, GRAIN SPILL



LUCKY BREAK: Emergency crews work at the scene of a train derailment in Bell Township, Pa., on Monday. Three lead locomotives and 16 freight cars, all carrying grain, derailed about 6 a.m. The train's two-man crew suffered only minor injuries.

Army to Tell Soldiers Not to Quit

'Stop loss' order aims to keep troop numbers in line with demands

WASHINGTON | The Army is preparing to inform soldiers due to return from Iraq and Afghanistan over the next several months that they will not be allowed to retire or otherwise leave the service for 90 days after they return to their home base, defense officials said Monday.

The order, known as "stop loss," is a personnel management tool whose use reflects the difficulty the Army is having in keeping enough soldiers available to meet the Army's worldwide commitments.

Prior to the war in Iraq, "stop loss" authority had rarely been used; it is seen by many as being in conflict with the principle of an all-volunteer military in which enlisted personnel sign contracts for a specific period of service.

The Army has not officially announced the order. However, officials discussed some details of it Monday on condition of anonymity. ROBERT BURNS (AP)

Appeals Court to Revisit DNA Ruling

SAN FRANCISCO | A federal appeals court decided Monday to reconsider a ruling that barred DNA testing for thousands of federal convicts.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed a three-judge panel's October ruling to stop such testing for federal inmates and parolees because it is an illegal invasion of privacy. The DNA tests are forwarded to a database maintained by the FBI to solve other crimes.

The panel's original ruling threatened hundreds of criminal cases, in addition to state laws demanding DNA samples. Blood samples taken from federal prisoners and those on supervised release have been used to convict hundreds of people, on crimes such as murder and rape.

The FBI's database, open to law enforcement nationally, holds roughly 1.4 million genetic profiles,

most of which came from prisoners and parolees.

The court did not indicate when it would rehear the case, this time with 11 judges.

When the court rehears a case with a larger panel, it usually overturns the original decision. The last time that happened was in September, when 11 judges from the 9th Circuit overturned a three-judge panel that had blocked California's gubernatorial recall election. (AP)

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On January 13, the D.C. Board of Elections and Ethics (BOEE) is introducing an electronic touch screen voting system that for the first time will allow voters with disabilities to vote privately and independently. The BOEE is now seeking individuals with computer experience to operate the new voting system on Election Day.

Volunteers will be paid a \$100 stipend for the day and receive two hours of "precinct technician" training. Training sessions begin Tuesday, January 6, 2004. For more information, contact the BOEE at 202-727-2511.



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**Supreme Court may
expand its look at U.S.
terror suspect cases**

WASHINGTON | The Supreme Court will announce this month whether it will broaden a review of the Bush administration's imprisonment of terror suspects.

The court already overrode the objections of the administration in November to take an appeal that asks whether foreigners held at the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, may contest their captivity in American courts.

Now justices will decide whether to hear the appeal of U.S.-born terrorism suspect Yaser Esam Hamdi. The government won its argument in a lower court that Hamdi may be kept incommunicado and without access to a lawyer or U.S. courts, even though he is a citizen.

A second case vying for the justices' attention is a challenge to the government's policy of withholding names and other details about hundreds of foreigners who were detained in the months after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

The appeals come before the justices after a series of setbacks

for the White House, most recently rulings last month from appeals courts in San Francisco and New York that sided with alleged enemy combatants.

Hamdi has been in custody for two years, since being captured during fighting in Afghanistan between U.S. soldiers and the former ruling Taliban. He was brought to the United States and has been held in a naval brig in South Carolina.

The government maintains that the detentions of terror suspects, without legal rights, are necessary for national security.

GINA HOLLAND (AP)

FLOODS | SINKING FORTUNES



MICHAEL HARVILL/TIMES LEADER/AP

TAKING WATER: Even boats weren't safe from the relentless rains that fell in eastern Ohio over the weekend. This small boat sits scuttled at the marina in Rayland, Ohio, on the Ohio River Monday. Continued flooding is expected along the river, which is expected to crest Tuesday.

Wary Ohio Kids Back At School

**Security remains
high after bullet holes
found in school buses**

GROVE CITY, OHIO | Some parents drove students who normally ride the bus and extra security guards were on hand as schools in this Columbus suburb reopened Monday after bullet marks on two buses were linked to a series of sniper shootings.

In the parking lot of East Franklin Elementary School, parents sat in cars and watched their children walk to the front door after a two-week winter break.

South-Western School District canceled classes for its 20,000 students on Dec. 18 and 19, the last days before the break, after the marks were found on two buses. The district is next to Interstate 270 where many of 18 shootings have happened. (AP)



Jeremy Wink gives his son, Will, a kiss as he takes him to school Monday at East Franklin Elementary in Columbus, Ohio.

Skier Found Alive After 4-Day Hunt

SEATTLE | A skier missing for four freezing nights in the central Cascade Mountains was found alive after rescuers spotted his fresh tracks by helicopter.

"It's unbelievable — four tough nights in the teens with no food, no water, just normal ski gear and a helmet," said King County Sheriff's Lt. Jim Fuda.

Dan Witkowski, 25, was "lucid

and talking," Fuda said Sunday night.

He told Fuda that he got turned around while skiing Wednesday, so he decided to head downhill in hopes of finding his way out.

So for four days, he kept moving. He told Fuda his longest break was two hours.

Witkowski, of Ellensburg, was listed in serious condition Monday at Harborview Medical Center, KIRO Television reported. He earlier had been in critical condition. (AP)



Witkowski

In Brief

SOUTH ASIA

Details Scant on Indian, Pakistani Leaders' Meeting

Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf welcomed Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee to his Islamabad residence for a one-hour meeting on Monday. Indian and Pakistani officials billed it as a diplomatic courtesy call to dampen expectations of any major breakthrough, especially on the bitter standoff over Kashmir, flashpoint of two of the three wars between predominantly Hindu India and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Officials provided no specific details on the talks. (AP)



Vajpayee, left, met Musharraf at the Presidential Palace in Islamabad Monday.

IRAQ

Governing Council to Defer Issue of Kurdish Autonomy

The Governing Council is close to agreeing on a federal system for Iraq and will defer until next year the explosive issue of whether to give greater autonomy to the northern Kurdish region, two council members said Monday. Kurds — thousands of whom were killed when Saddam Hussein's forces gassed Halabja in 1988 — have long wanted a federal system that allows them some independence. (AP)

WASHINGTON

White House Says Voice on Tape Is Likely Bin Laden's

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said Monday that a technical analysis showed the speaker on an audiotape aired Sunday on the Al-Jazeera satellite channel was probably Osama bin Laden. On the tape, the speaker said that the U.S.-led war in Iraq was the beginning of the "occupation" of Gulf states for their oil and called on Muslims to keep fighting a holy war in the Middle East. (AP)

China Reacts as SARS Is Confirmed

Wildlife believed to carry disease to be killed

BEIJING | Faced with the return of SARS, China on Monday ordered wild animals slaughtered by the thousands in the disease's suspected region of origin, a striking response that elicited calls for caution.

The decision to kill up to 10,000 civet cats and related specialty-food creatures in the wildlife markets of the southern province of Guangdong — animals suspected of being SARS carriers — came as the first case of SARS in China this season was confirmed after more than two weeks of intricate tests.

The World Health Organization, upgrading the case of a 32-year-old Guangdong television producer from suspected severe acute respiratory syndrome to a definite diagnosis, urged calm. It said China, which became a travel pariah during the first outbreak last year, was safe.

"It does not mean that one case can lead to a public health threat," said Dr. Henk Bekedam, the WHO representative for China.

Adding to Asia's SARS unease, a husband and wife in the Philippines who fell ill after returning from



A man looks at caged civet cats in Guangdong Province on Monday. Authorities ordered the emergency slaughter of some 10,000 civet cats and related species after tests linked a virus found in the animals to China's first SARS case since July.

Hong Kong were placed in isolation to await test results.

SARS, which first broke out in Guangdong in November 2002,

infected more than 8,000 people and killed 774 worldwide before it was brought under control in June.

TED ANTHONY (AP)

JAPAN | READY, SET ... WRITE!



ART FORMS: Participants in the first calligraphy contest of the new year show their skills in Tokyo Monday. Nearly 3,500 people took part in the annual event.

Israel's Sharon Defends Plan to Remove Settlers

Prime minister faces down detractors in his own Likud Party

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL | Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon told jeering leaders of his Likud Party on Monday that Israel will have to dismantle Jewish settlements as part of any peace deal and he was prepared to act despite their opposition.

"The disengagement plans are mine and I will carry them out," Sharon declared.

Sharon's speech was his first appearance before his party's hard-line central committee since he unveiled his plan last month to dismantle some settlements and

unilaterally draw a boundary with the Palestinians if peace efforts remain stalled.

Critics remain skeptical of Sharon's seeming conversion from one of the great patrons of the settlement movement to a leader willing to make significant territorial concessions. Though his rhetoric has changed, he has done little to fulfill his obligations under the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan. Before Sharon's speech Monday, Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia said he had called off plans to schedule a summit with Sharon intended to restart peace moves. Such a meeting, Qureia said, would be meaningless while violence continues. LAURIE COPANS (AP)

HEARSAY | TOUCHE

"Men have been dominating Malawi politics for too long. Maybe that's why they are blundering."

—VERA CHIRWA, AFRICAN UNION OFFICIAL ANNOUNCING MONDAY THAT SHE WILL RUN IN THE MAY PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, MAKING HER MALAWI'S FIRST WOMAN CANDIDATE.

Cause of Red Sea Crash Still a Mystery

SHARM EL-SHEIK, EGYPT | Searchers hunting for the wreckage of an airliner zeroed in on a signal Monday that could be the black box — holding clues to the cause of the Red Sea crash that killed all 148 people aboard, a French official said.

The U.S. State Department, meanwhile, said four Americans were among the dead. Most of the

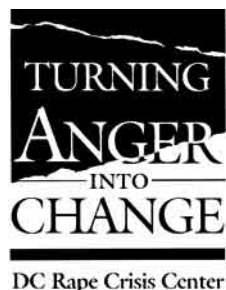
passengers were French tourists.

The plane — an 11-year-old Boeing 737 operated by Cairo-based Flash Airlines — crashed shortly after taking off from this popular resort on Saturday.

The crash coincided with heightened concern about terrorism, but Egypt quickly ruled out the possibility of an attack, saying the plane

suffered a mechanical failure. On Monday, French Deputy Foreign Minister Renaud Muselier said that body parts recovered from the sea so far bore no burns, suggesting there was no explosion.

But Michel Wachenheim, head of France's Civil Aviation Authority, said he couldn't rule out terrorism. "Until we have the flight recorder, we won't know" the cause of the accident, he said. (AP)



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World

Landslide Win for Georgian

Protest leader who led campaign to oust Shevardnadze wins big

TBILISI, GEORGIA | Firebrand opposition leader Mikhail Saakashvili appeared headed for a landslide victory in Georgia's presidential election, according to preliminary results announced Monday.

With ballots counted from 25 percent of the approximately 3,000 polling places in the former Soviet republic, Saakashvili had 96.7 percent of the vote, Georgian Central Election Commission chairman Zurab Chiaberashvili said. Final results are expected Wednesday.



Saakashvili listens to the preliminary results as his wife Sandra looks on.

Saakashvili, the overwhelming favorite among the six candidates in Sunday's election, was the driving force behind peaceful demon-

strations that brought down former President Eduard Shevardnadze in November.

Saakashvili, a 36-year-old U.S.-educated lawyer, has pledged to take a hard line against corruption and to work to restore the country's economy. He also held out an olive branch to the ousted Shevardnadze.

"He committed a lot of errors, even crimes, I think," Saakashvili said, adding, however, that Shevardnadze "will keep his security guards and he'll go on living where he is." JIM HEINTZ (AP)

A man of history: The day-to-day life of Shevardnadze, the man credited with helping to end the Cold War, after his ignominious ouster | Today's Post: Section A

THAILAND | BOMBING SPREE



SLOW RECOVERY: Thai-Muslim school children sift through debris at their school in southern Thailand on Monday after assailants set fire to it and 20 other schools. Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra blamed Sunday's attacks in the Muslim-dominated south on Islamic insurgents.

Bombs Sent To 2 More EU Officials

Italian anarchists suspected of sending string of letter bombs

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM | Two more letter bombs addressed to senior members of the European Parliament burst into flames and another was intercepted Monday.

Investigators suspect an Italian anarchist group as the likely source for the string of bombs, which have caused no injuries. With Monday's packages, seven letter bombs have targeted EU officials since Dec. 27.

European officials first focused suspicion on the group after it claimed responsibility for two time bombs that exploded outside European Commission President Romano Prodi's house in Bologna on Dec. 21, causing a small fire.

In a letter to an Italian newspaper on Dec. 23, the anarchist group said it planted the bombs to "hit at the apparatus of control that is repressive and leading the democratic show that is the new European order." RAF CASERT (AP)

Details: The targeted lawmakers, the previously unknown Italian anarchist group and the reaction from Brussels | Today's Post: Section A

British Begin Probe Into Diana's Death

LONDON | Britain opens its first inquest into the deaths of Princess Diana and her boyfriend Dodi Fayed on Tuesday, more than six years after they were killed in a Paris car crash.

The hope is the royal coroner's hearings will put to rest years of speculation and conspiracy theo-

ries surrounding the crash. But it is unclear whether they will unearth any new information. Coroners' investigations are typically limited in scope.

Royal coroner Michael Burgess is conducting the inquiries, required by law when Britons die abroad of other than natural causes. (AP)

Local

In Brief

BALTIMORE

BWI Testing Security Plans For Departing Foreigners

Baltimore-Washington International Airport on Monday became the first airport in the nation to fingerprint and photograph departing as well as arriving foreigners under a new federal program to increase border security. The new measure was implemented as the U.S. Department of Homeland Security began requiring foreigners arriving on international flights nationwide to be inklessly fingerprinted and photographed.

BWI is serving as the national pilot airport to test the exit procedures. (AP)

RICHMOND

Lawmaker Proposes Buying Cheaper Drugs From Canada

Virginia Del. Richard H. Black, R-Loudoun, said Monday he will introduce a bill allowing Virginia to buy inexpensive prescription drugs from Canada, despite a federal ban on imported pharmaceuticals. His proposal applies only to state-sponsored medical programs, including those for state employees and retirees. The cities of Montgomery, Ala., and Springfield, Mass., already make Canadian drugs available to their employees. (AP)

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Alabama Makes Case to Try Malvo

Convicted teenager would face a second capital murder trial

MONTGOMERY, ALA. | Montgomery County District Attorney Ellen Brooks has written a letter to the governor of Virginia asking that convicted Washington-area sniper Lee Boyd Malvo be sent to Alabama for a second capital murder trial as soon as possible.

A jury in Virginia last month convicted Malvo of capital murder in a sniper slaying in that state, but decided to spare his life and sentenced him to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Montgomery Police Chief John

Wilson said Monday that Brooks sent a detailed letter to Virginia Gov. Mark Warner stating that Alabama has a strong case against Malvo, a tested death penalty law and should be one of the next jurisdictions to try him.

Brooks earlier sent a similar letter saying she wanted to try Muhammad.

Muhammad was convicted of capital murder and has received a death sentence for his role in the Washington, D.C.-area sniper spree in 2002. The two also have been charged with capital murder in Montgomery for the Sept. 21, 2002 shooting that killed manager Claudine Parker and critically injured Kellie Adams. BOB JOHNSON (AP)



MATT HOUSTON/AP

Amateur pilot Gus McLeod, seen here before his Dec. 29 departure from College Park Airport in Maryland, plans to make a second attempt to circle the Earth's poles.

Gaithersburg Pilot Delays Pole-to-Pole Adventure

BALTIMORE | A Gaithersburg pilot trying to fly over both the North and South Poles returned to Maryland after deciding to delay the journey because his plane was burning too much oil.

Gus McLeod, 49, said the engine of his modified Velocity aircraft was burning oil twice as much as he wanted.

McLeod, who made history three years ago when he became the first pilot ever to fly to the North Pole in an open cockpit plane, noticed

the problem when he left College Park Dec. 29 for Sebastian, Fla. He returned to Maryland to spend New Year's with his wife.

He said he aimed to get back in the air this weekend. "This is pretty much a precaution," McLeod said. "This really isn't much of a setback."

McLeod hopes to become the first person to fly over both poles in a single-engine aircraft—a flight of roughly 28,000 miles if successful. BRIAN WITTE (AP)

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Women Seeking Men

VEGETARIAN NATURE GIRL, 25, caring, honest, fun-loving, down-to-earth, passionate, enjoys walks in the rain, holding hands, cuddling. ISO honest man, for friendship first, possible LTR. **✆858042**

SLENDER, ATTRACTIVE SWF, 29, long blonde hair, loves the arts, literature, history and more. Seeking well-educated, fit, non-smoking S/DWPM, 27-38, 5'8"+, for dating, possible LTR. **✆855755**

SJPF, 39, INTELLIGENT, very attractive, slender, Republican. Seeking tall, fit, refined SPM, 38-52, financially secure, generous, emotionally stable, kind, easygoing, conservative values, for harmonious relationship leading to marriage/family. Maryland's suburbs. **✆810987**

SBF LOOKING for an independent SBM who knows who he is and what he wants. I'm very nice person and like to go out sometimes. **✆861948**

EDUCATED, TRUSTWORTHY, ATTRACTIVE SBPF, 30, 6', enjoys dining out, intelligent conversation more. Seeking highly educated, relationship-oriented SM, 30-40, 6'+, with no children for possible LTR. **✆852480**

SBF, 24, 5'6", 116lbs, slender build, enjoys jazz and just about any kind of fun. Seeking SBM, 21-39, N/S, no children, for LTR. **✆805837**

SINGLE MOM. SEXY, outgoing female, 22, 6', 150lbs, light brown skin, sense of humor, loves basketball, football, video games. Seeking outgoing guy, sense of humor. **✆828018**

ATTRACTIVE MOM. SBFC, 31, 5'6", HPTW, down-to-earth, honest, hopeless romantic, seeking marriage-minded SCM, with SOH, HPTW, enjoys life, love, family, and wants to build forever. **✆819822**

FORMER MODEL, 27, 5'10", 125lbs, African-American female, seeking male, 35-50, for friendship, fun and travel. **✆772154**

SF, 20, 5'4", 140lbs, black/brown, likes working out, reading, travel, sports, music. Seeking SHM, 21-30, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆641792**

NUBIAN PRINCESS. SBPCF, 35, 5'7", H/W proportionate, enjoys weekend trips, park walks, movies, outdoors. Seeking SBGM, 5'11"+, for companionship. **✆767234**

OPEN-MINDED, AFFECTIONATE DPF, 37, seeks SWPM, 38+, N/S, mature, intelligent, kind, for romance, leading to commitment and family. **✆512872**

SWMP, CHRISTIAN, 5'8", blonde/blue, easygoing, flexible, young-at-heart, loves kids (mine are grown). Likes trip and excitement. Seeks WPCM, 40+, for companionship. Possible LTR. **✆500473**

GENTLE, BROWN-SKINNED WOMAN, 36, radiant smile and natural beauty, seeks kind-hearted, fit gentleman, 37-45, N/S, for nature outings, cultural events, and relaxed conversation. **✆470350**

SBF, 32, ATTRACTIVE, intelligent, loves to read, watch movies, bowl, skate, play pool, take long walks. Seeking mature, humorous, family oriented SM, 33-55, **✆414069**

SBF, 32, PISCES, N/S, with kids, seeks SM, 32-60, who enjoys traveling, shopping, for dating, and LTR. **✆293934**

SPONTANEOUS, ENTHUSIASTIC, WITTY, well-rounded, mature SBF, 22, 5'9", very attractive college grad, enjoys the gym, reading, travel. Seeking SBM, 25-32, 6'+, no children, college-educated, attractive, fit, well-mannered. **✆853960**

SBF, 31, 5'8", 145lbs seeking kind-hearted, honest, down-to-earth SWM, 40-55, for dating and possible LTR. **✆850317**

SOUTHERN GAL, 37 SBF 5'2", down to earth, enjoys concerts, movies, quiet times at home. Seeking SBPM, 35-45, for friendship and possible LTR. **✆486549**

38-YEAR-OLD SBF, MOTHER, enjoys keeping busy and more. Looking to chill with an independent, honest, affectionate, fun-loving SBM friend for the winter and beyond. Thirsty for life and good times? **✆884369**

SINCERITY IS MOST important. DWFF, 33, great sense of humor, seeks S/DWM, 38-50, a friend and confidante, for possible LTR. **✆55090**

PRETTY, EDUCATED, PETITE, blonde, divorcee, 39, passes for 30, seeks sincere, Latin, Middle Eastern or Persian man, 35-50, **✆843741**

SEXY, SPONTANEOUS, ADVENTUROUS SBF, 27, 5'3", light brown eyes, seeks open-minded SWM, 27-35, for relationship, possibly more. **✆839502**

SWF, 20, FULL-FIGURED, likes movies, travel, music, swimming and time with family and friends. Seeking SBM, 20-29, who shares these interests. **✆807867**

ARTISTIC DWF, 37, curvaceous, blonde/green seeks another artist or writer who's an unconcerned, loving S/DWM, 32-45, who enjoys togetherness. Open conversationalist is a good quality. **✆804441**

SW TEACHER, 34, is interested in all types of music (especially classical and 80s), and is looking for a man who stays active and cultured. **✆753605**

SBF, 38, 6', 145lbs, fit, enjoys sports, movies, dining out, and travel. Seeking SWPM with similar interests. **✆356120**

SBPF, 31, FAIR-SKINNED, feminine, full-figured, with great sense of humor, varied interests. Seeks SPM, 30-40, for friendship, laughs, intelligent conversation, possible LTR. **✆636668**

36-YEAR-OLD, AFRICAN-AMERICAN SF, 5'3", 150lbs, dark brown complexion, brown hair, no kids, laid-back, enjoys movies, plays, concerts, outdoor events, seeking gentleman, 35-40, with similar interests. **✆673648**

SBF, BROWN/BROWN, 5', enjoys movies, walking on the beach. Seeking military SBM, 25-35. For casual dating. **✆542926**

CHANCE FOR ROMANCE. SBF, 36, 5'3", 165lbs. Educated, affectionate, down-to-earth, feminine, childless. Looking to develop bond, and create the impossible with you. SBPM, 38+, N/S. **✆495690**

ATTRACTIVE, FULL FIGURED SBF, 28, Leo, non smoker, who enjoys sports, outdoor activities and dancing. Seeking HM, 25-35, with similar interests. For friendship. **✆453458**

SBPF, 26, 5'7", 160lbs, seeks tall SPM, 24-30, 6'2"+, with a good sense of humor, for friendship, fun and possible LTR. **✆389196**

BF, 35, TWO children, looking for a SM, 35-50, 5'10"+, for friendship and conversation first, maybe leading to more. Must like children. **✆387069**

SAPF, 38, SEEKS honest, sincere, good hearted, educated SW/APM, 35-48, N/S, who enjoys nature, music, for LTR. **✆895164**

MAN IN UNIFORM. Attractive, energetic SBF, 30, 5'6", 120lbs, seeks honest, respectful, communicative SW/HM, 29-35, for friendship first, possible LTR. **✆349299**

JOYFUL AND LOVING SBFC, 39, N/S, N/D, who is an encourager, humorous, ISO faithful SCM, 36-47, N/S, who's ready for friendship leading to possible marriage. **✆815833**

OUTGOING, BLONDE, BLUE-EYED, petite SWF, 38, enjoys British comedies, great museums, new places, good friends. Seeking fun-loving, family oriented, smart SWM. **✆800372**

ATTRACTIVE, FUN-LOVING BPF, 35, seeks handsome, professional male, N/S, for LTR. **✆807562**

ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SWF, 37, blonde, with sexy eyes and great legs, down-to-earth, fun-loving, and major football fan. Seeking SWM, 35-43, down-to-earth, for romance. Possible LTR. **✆633699**

SBF, 38, SAGITTARIUS, mother, works at nursing home, laid-back, enjoys dining, movies, seeks SM, 32-45, for friendship, possible romance. **✆713900**

SBF, 35, IS in search of a B/HM, for cuddling, long walks, nights on the town, and more if we make a connection. **✆678150**

BLACK BEAUTY, 31, 5'8", professional, retired model, well-read, well-traveled, outspoken, class, intelligent, French-speaking exotic lady ISO tall, intelligent, secure WM, 35-55. Call now. **✆648661**

ATTRACTIVE, EDUCATED SBF, 36, Gemini, N/S, seeks WM, 36-40, N/S, who is educated, with no children, for LTR. **✆452998**

PRETTY SWF, 34, Leo, N/S, good morals and values, enjoys movies, nature, home life. Seeking Christian man, 33-45, for marriage and future family. **✆267890**

JUST ME, COMPASSIONATE, sincere, one-man lady, BF, financially secure, seeks S/DBM, 52-65, for dining in/out, true friend, companion, possible LTR. **✆789427**

RUSSIAN LADY, 35, attractive inside and out, fit, educated, ISO SWPM, 36-45. Sincerity and honesty a must. Reliable, established, ambitious, interested in LTR. **✆607135**

LOVELY BCFP, MID-30S, 5'8", shapely, beautiful inside and out, classy, unpretentious, enjoys jazz, horseback riding, champagne, bubble baths, travel, romance. ISO tall, romantic BCPM, 34-48. **✆807503**

SBF, 39, N/S, 5'4", 130lbs, brown complexion, burgundy hair, RN, three children, enjoys movies, dining, quiet times, seeks woman, 29-50, for conversation, sharing special moments. **✆802729**

EDUCATED, PROFESSIONAL SAF, 57, seeks nice, intelligent, white gentleman, 57-65, with similar qualities. For LTR. **✆686805**

TALL, INDEPENDENT SWPF, 37, enjoys books, gardening, cats, horses, country drives, theater, music, festivals, exploring nature, variety and romance. **✆776826**

22-YEAR-OLD, SBF, 5'10", light complexion, curvaceous, attractive, recent college graduate, seeking SBWM, 27-36, with similar interests, for companionship. **✆71602**

SBF, 35, 5'3", high-spirited, full of positive energy, smoker, not afraid to shoot from the hip, seeks BM, 43-55, smoker, independent. **✆752225**

PROFESSIONAL, TALL, SLIM, vegan, real estate expert, swimming, biking. Seeking WM, 35-50, with same interests. **✆752691**

INTELLIGENT, INDEPENDENT, TRUSTWORTHY SBPF, 37, seeks down-to-earth, humorous, loving SWM, 28-40, who enjoys football, dining out, reading, movies, music and more. **✆742806**

SACF, 30, SCORPIO, seeks someone who is kind, sincerity and honesty a must, loving, good sense of humor, 30-40, for friendship, possible LTR. No games. **✆644865**

TALL, BEAUTIFUL, BLACK, plus-sized professional female, 32, ISO tall professional male, 32-40, for dating. **✆640310**

BLOND, OUTGOING SWPF, 37, 5'6", athletic, outdoors, attractive. Seeking SPM, 35-55, with similar interest. For friendship first possible LTR. **✆730510**

AFRICAN-AMERICAN SF, 27, Aries, N/S, educator, tall, athletic, seeks African-American S/DM, 24-37, N/S, for sharing fun, dinner, movies, sporting events. **✆727939**

ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SFF, 35, 5'4" slender, brown/green, enjoys art, playing piano, traveling, trying new things. Seeking handsome, tall, kind, honest SWPM, 30-40, N/S, for LTR. **✆723814**

SBF, 24, LOVES to play basketball, pool and watch other sports. Seeking a man to keep active and sharp with. **✆718063**

SHF, 31, LEO, N/S, 5'7", black/brown, open-minded, enjoys cooking, watching movies, spending time at home, seeks easygoing, fun, open-minded woman, 30-40. **✆688239**

SWF, 33, ATTORNEY, new to area, tall, blonde/blue-green, PISCES, N/S, sports lover, enjoys traveling and jazz clubs. Seeking tall PM, 34-44, N/S, dog a+. **✆589833**

CLASSY, FULL-FIGURED SBF, 27, seeks mature, handsome, down-to-earth SBM, w/sense of humor, 27-38, 225lbs+, 5'10"+, for friendship and enjoying activities. Dating first, possible LTR. **✆59393**

24-YEAR-OLD SBF, 5'6", 120lbs, medium complexion and a great personality. Looking for a S/DM 26-55. I travel often but would like someone I could in enjoy my free time with. **✆650047**

PROWLING CARIBBEAN WOMAN. SBF, 32, enjoys dancing, movies, play wrestling, holding hands and cuddling. Seeking loving, independent, honest, romantic, non-smoking SM, 32-40. **✆646068**

ATTRACTIVE SB MOM, 33, down-to-earth, caring, enjoys movies, dining, outdoors. Seeking honest, caring SM, 30-39, race open, for friendship first. **✆393133**

EDUCATED, WORKING, 22-32, tall, 6'2"+, dark SM sought, must enjoy dancing, good communication. **✆653471**

FEMALE SPORTS FAN. SBPF, 37, enjoys working out, travel, cooking. Seeking SBPM, 32-42, N/S, with similar interests. **✆644991**

AFRICAN LADY, SBF, 32, 5'9", looking for SM, 40+, race open, for long-term relationship. No games please. **✆610855**

OUTGOING SBF, PRE-SCHOOL teacher interested in outdoor/nature activities, cultural/current events. **✆667109**

I'M EVERYWOMAN, COSMOPOLITAN SWPF, 36, curly long brown/blue, ISO financially secure, young-looking SWPM, 40-50, athletic build, who wants to share all life has to offer. **✆610019**

B/AF, 38, SEEKS LTR. 5'2", size 16, wears it well. One child. Likes movies, comedy, walking, and sports events. Seeks tall, dark, strong, kind, honest man. **✆548897**

SBF, 39, PISCES, N/S, seeks BM, 39-49, N/S, who is professional, and is honest. For a very serious relationship. **✆407432**

EDUCATED SWF, 33, N/S, big green eyes, nice smile, seeks SWM, 27-35, N/S, for LTR. **✆822484**

VIBRANT, FULL-FIGURED SBF, 37, 6', enjoys theater, dining, and reading. Seeking SBM, 27-37, for LTR. Serious inquiries only, please. **✆513337**

VERY ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT SWPF, 35, brown/green, enjoys art, music, playing piano and trying new things. Seeking tall, handsome, kind SWPM, for LTR, family. **✆488208**

SBP MOTHER, 35, N/S, is attractive, classy, honest, athletic, and seeking SBM, 38-45, who is secure, established, spiritual and honest. **✆472850**

VERY OUTGOING SBF, 34, 5'3", 145lbs, fit, in search of sincere, kind gentleman, 29-39. I have too many interests to list here; call, we'll talk! **✆469865**

SASSY SFF, 37, N/S, enjoys working out, movies, travel, reading. Seeking mature SPM, N/S, N/Drugs, with similar interests, to enjoy life with. **✆439614**

ARE YOU the honorable, articulate, handsome, SBPM, 5'10+, 35-40, for this opinionated, outgoing, attractive, SBPF 38? Lets find out. **✆412913**

SF, 34, LIKES playing pool, biking, dining out, movies, clubs, quiet times at home. Seeking mature SM, 33-40, ready to be in a serious relationship. **✆379878**

ATTRACTIVE SBF, 33, 5'11", medium build, enjoys music, dancing, movies, travel, sports. Seeking tall SBM, 30-40, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆344223**

IN SEARCH OF an honest man with a good sense of humor and a love for children, for quality time with this SWF. **✆303886**

SBF, 36, SCORPIO, I enjoy movies, outdoor activities. Seeking SBM, 36-48, for friendship first. Call me! **✆316044**

SBF, 34, 6'0", light, skin, attractive, tall, slender, free-spirited, N/S. Seeking WM, 35-52, tall, romantic, financially independent for friendship and possible relationship. **✆306329**

Men Seeking Women

SBM, 23, 5'6", with an open mind and a friendly disposition, seeks a woman to share hearts and minds. **✆382896**

SBM, 30, WITH a good education, is new to the area, and is looking for a woman to be his inspiration. **✆856133**

SBM, 32, 5'5", 130lbs, is interested in sports, working with children, and is looking for a woman to talk to and get to know. **✆856535**

SM, 44, FATHER, family-oriented, would like to meet a female, 35-50, who enjoys movies, plays, quiet times at home. **✆855869**

SM, 22, 5'6", 165lbs, tattooed, works a lot, seeks SF, 18-40, to share all life has to offer. **✆856014**

SWM, 20, GEMINI, smoker, likes nature, walks, travel, fine dining, movies. Seeking outgoing, commitment-minded SWF, 18-35, who is ready to settle down. **✆851393**

SBM, 22, LEO, N/S, likes reading, movies, dining out, travel, sports. Seeking outgoing, caring woman, 18-40, with similar interests, for friendship and more. **✆855217**

SM, 44, LOVES the simple things in life, and is looking for a woman to share them with, for dating, fun and LTR. **✆839326**

SBM, 37, 6'1", 255lbs, Sagittarius, N/S, seeks SWF, 25-36, N/S, who enjoys reading, movies, dining out, travel, for friendship and more. **✆852588**

KIND-HEARTED, PEACEFUL SBM, 36, looking to meet a sweet, sexy lady to share friendship, affection, dating and possible LTR. **✆847835**

SBM, 38, 5'10", 180lbs, brown complexion, independent, enjoys poetry reading/writing, dining, quiet times, romance. Seeking drama-free SF, fun-loving and open-minded, for happiness and love. **✆848221**

SM, 34, EMPLOYED, looking to meet a pretty, active lady who enjoys sports, walks, good conversation, romance and simple pleasures. **✆848938**

SBM, 49, 5'11", Gemini, smoker, drives tractor trailers, seeks down-to-earth SBF, 35-39, for movies, quiet moments in the park, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆842985**

SM, 21, 6'3", 235lbs, with a brown complexion, and a vibrant personality, seeks a woman for fun, adventure and romance. **✆839399**

SB DAD, 30, loves listening to all types of music, and wants to meet woman who moves to her own beat, for romance and happiness. **✆839885**

SBM, 38, LIBRA, smoker, would like to ask out a BF, 40-55, smoker. Could you be the lucky one? **✆832071**

SWPM, 30, 6', easygoing, intelligent, honest, sense of humor, enjoys travel, fitness, comedy, movies, ISO nice, intelligent SF, 22-32, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆63007**

ROMANTIC AFRICAN-AMERICAN PRINCE, 28, Virgo, 6'1", 225lbs, brown skin, brown eyes, seeks attractive woman, Quiet Storm devotee, for friendship and romance. **✆861773**

IMAGINE STRONG ARMS holding you, feeling safe and appreciated, knowing it's right. Attractive, athletic SWM, 59, emotionally literate, willing to take risks. ISO SF, 26-42. **✆807745**

FANTASTIC GUY WILL make life worth living. SBM, 23, Virgo, N/S, enjoys the cinema, outings, watching sports, going to night clubs, seeks compatible WF, 20-35. **✆850528**

AFRICAN, 29-YEAR-OLD, ENERGETIC, athletic, N/S, 5'10", fun-loving, active SBGM, 135lbs, loves soccer, tennis, golf, sometimes working out, hip hop, reggae. Seeking a lady-like SF. Friendship/LTR. **✆789941**

SBM, 35, WORKS as a carpenter, and would love to meet a woman for fun, games, and conversation. **✆757502**

ATHLETIC SWM, 21, just out of military, into weightlifting. Seeking woman, 21-25, 5'2"-5'10", thin build, very attractive, athletic, who likes movies, car trips, beaches. **✆832196**

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SHPM, 38, 5'5", foreign language teacher, enjoys movies, travel, music, arts. Seeking female, 28-33, romantic, slim, honest. **✆853181**

ROMANTIC SBM, 36, 5'8", Gemini, N/S, enjoys lifting weights, church, having fun, the beach, seeks woman, 30-40, N/S, similar interests. **✆843879**

SM, 38, 5'11", wants to meet a woman who shares his love of movies, jazz clubs, bowling, all outdoor fun, and romance. **✆825520**

SBM, 22, COLLEGE student (studying engineering), country boy at heart, Taurus, smoker, seeks BF, 18-29, N/S, full-figured. **✆746951**

SHM, 31, 5'9", 175lbs, hardworking. Seeking female who likes travel, tennis, dancing, and more. For LTR. **✆520944**

ACTIVE YET LAID-BACK SWM, young-looking 39, N/S, loves outdoor activities, dining, travel, seeks SAF, 30-39, N/S, to share walks, conversation, friendship, maybe more? **✆561840**

DBPM, 33, HANDSOME, athletic, sense of humor, seeks caring, sensitive communicator to date. **✆540715**

SWM, 21, PISCES, N/S, enjoys movies, listening to music. Seeking SBF, 20-30, N/S, for possible LTR. **✆113226**

DOWN-TO-EARTH, SENSITIVE SM, with good personality, fun to be with, seeks SF to share my time with. **✆853252**

HANDSOME SBM, 32, 5'10", 173lbs, caramel complexion, ambitious, no children, well-educated, humorous. Seeking attractive, shapely, intelligent SF, 23-32, with great personality for companionship. **✆824057**

SBM, 22, 6', with a warm heart, wishes to meet a woman who wants to be held, cuddled and loved. **✆773510**

SWM, 26, 5'11", 150lbs, honest, mature gentleman, N/S, N/D, no drugs, no kids, no games. Seeking similar SWF, 25-32, friends first. Capitol Heights. **✆689138**

HANDSOME, FUN, COURAGEOUS Male, 31, Capricorn, seeks simple, nice, honest woman, 27-35, for walks, fun times and more. **✆488836**

COLLEGE GRAD, SBM, mixed heritage 34, 5'10". Seeking childless progressive woman, 22-35. **✆962971**

SBM, 27, 6'1", 210lbs, Aries, N/S, enjoys reading, movies, music, sports, dancing. Seeking outgoing SBF, 21-30, N/S, with similar interests. I'm a great catch. **✆848132**

SWM, 19, 5'10", 180lbs, brown/green, is into anything that's fun, and is looking for the right woman to share all life has to offer. **✆845988**

SBM, 18, YOUNG and wise, seeks an intelligent and profound Christian sister. SBF, 18-29, to grow with friendship-wise, possibly more. **✆842716**

SBM, 33, CANCER, N/S, seeks honest, sincere, hard-working SBF, 22-30, N/S, has goals and aspirations in life, has fun, friends first. **✆834357**

SM, LIKES SPORTS, jogging, movies. Seeking SF, 27-40, race open, for friendship, possibly more. **✆834335**

ATTRACTIVE, HUMOROUS HM, 23, 6', 180lbs, seeks attractive, petite SF, 18-28, for friendship first, possible LTR. **✆818487**

SBM, 20, FATHER, 6'2", 160lbs, seeks woman, 18-28, for friendship for now. Fun times, conversation, good humor. **✆812025**

SBGM, 37, 6'1", handsome, kind, thoughtful, a gentleman. Seeking SBFC, 34-39, N/S, who's kind, caring, sincere. Possible LTR. **✆444896**

LAWYER, WEIGHTLIFTER, TRAVELER. SWM, 35, enjoys long walks, old movies and shopping. **✆962559**

COMPLETE PACKAGE! HANDSOME, smart, fit, 36-year-old SBM (mixed), w/great sense of humor and many interests. ISO dynamic partner. Race unimportant. **✆622596**

SWM, 36, SEEKS SWF. PISCES, Cancer or Capricorn, who is interested in building a new life together, with children, family, friends, love, romance, happiness. Simple. **✆675394**

ARAB-AMERICAN MALE, HANDSOME, 30, polite, educated, muscular, brown/brown. Seeking Arabophile or curious woman for open-minded relationship. Body type, race, religion not important. **✆661232**

SWM, 37, 5'11", average build, self-employed, Virgo, N/S, seeks woman, 50-73, for adventure, fun, dining out, and intelligent conversation. **✆653040**

SBPM, 35, 6'3", with a caramel complexion and a football player's build, seeks a woman who stays active. **✆649443**

SBM, 30, SMOKER, HIV+ is searching for a special SW/BF, 20-45, HIV+, to share quiet times at home and conversation, hopefully leading to a LTR. **✆595495**

HONEST, ROMANTIC, WELL-TRAVELED, kind WM, 31, 6'4", brown/blue, into travel, photography, animals, the outdoors. Seeking a lady, 18-39, for dating, possibly leading to LTR. **✆439563**

SBM, 36, 5'10", 175lbs, very laid-back, easygoing, likes bowling and golf, respectful of a woman's feelings, seeking SBF, 27-35, who likes movies, dinner, quiet times. **✆62981**

ATTRACTIVE SWPM, 37, 5'10", 190lbs, sensual, sensitive, masculine, enjoys working out, sports, movies, cooking, projects at home. Seeking SBPF, 29-45, fit, attractive for dating, LTR. **✆458036**

MEDIUM BUILD, ATTRACTIVE SBM, 37, Cancer, N/S, seeks BF, 34-40, N/S, for dating/LTR. **✆404928**

SHM, 27, OUTGOING, independent, honest, enjoys travel, clubbing, movies, dining out. Seeking caring, attractive SF, with similar interests, for friendship, possible LTR. **✆437419**

SOUND INTERESTING? WM, 30, looking for older lady, 45-65, who likes laughing, dinners in, movies at home, and just having fun! **✆831630**

JFK JR? SWPM 35, 6'2", 175lbs, funny cultured, well-traveled and adventurous. Carry on baggage only. ISO fun, pretty, successful SWPF, Reston, VA. **✆811378**

LOOKS ARE UNIMPORTANT. SBM, 37, looking for SBF, 37-42, for dating, and possible LTR. Prefer full-figured ladies. **✆828894**

Men Seeking Men

SBM, 18, 5'11", 150lbs, N/S, seeks nice, easygoing BM, 18-20, N/S, to talk to and get to know. Give me a call. **✆823408**

SBPM, 38, 5'10", enjoys seafood, nights out/in, good company. Seeking SBM, 30-40, N/S, drug-free, who enjoys movies, dining and the simple pleasures. Friendship first. **✆858786**

GWPM, 38, 6'5", 180lbs, educated, enjoys classic cars, travel, dining out, custom-made clothing, finer things in life, seeking committed relationship with SWM, 35-65. **✆479008**

GAM, 5'4", 115lbs, black/brown, good sense of humor, enjoys movies, nature walks, quiet evenings at home. Looking for outgoing man, 25-37, with similar interests. **✆816000**

SBM, 23, DARK skin, hazel eyes, attractive, 6', 180lbs, very intelligent, congenial personality, looking to meet someone w/similar interests. **✆804724**

SBM, 34, LOVES to read good books, listen to rap and old-school music. Seeking a woman to meet and get to know over dinner. **✆760316**

SWM, 27, ENJOYS R&B, rap, and other kinds of music. Seeking a man who moves to his own beat, for a good relationship. **✆825814**

30-ISH SBM, HOT! Seeking others who desire a serious relationship only. You - also Hot! **✆820078**

MASCULINE, ATHLETIC, INTELLIGENT WM, 30s, stable, blond/blue, 6, 220, into mountains, beaches, cycling, film, music, pubs, sports, life. Seeking similar bud. **✆818508**

SWM, 42, LOOKING for younger, straight-acting WM. Southern Maryland, PG, Cal, Charles County areas. **✆710676**

Women Seeking Women

SBF, 22, 5'5", N/S, 120lbs, dark brown complexion/eyes, works construction, enjoys dining, dancing, movies, bowling, traveling, romance, seeks honest, faithful, respectful woman, 25-27, for romance. **✆849301**

HELLO LADIES. ATTRACTIVE, feminine GBF, 33, N/S, 5'9", honey complexion, no kids, fit, seeks attractive, intelligent, feminine GBF, 35-45, N/S, spiritual, not shallow, not materialistic. **✆624586**

36-YEAR-OLD, BLACK-JAMAICAN, FULL-FIGURED lesbian, nurse, housewife, independent, seeks black lesbian, 37-48, N/S, who is serious about a relationship, DC area. **✆622526**

CARS | NEW KID IN TOWN



CARLOS OSORIO/AP

FLEXING MUSCLE: Chrysler Group, hoping to vault to the ranks of Ferrari and Porsche, unveiled its 850-horsepower ME Four-Twelve concept car Sunday at a preview of the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

Companies Get Help Avoiding OT

Labor Dept. publishes tips for minimizing cost of overtime rules

WASHINGTON | The Labor Department is giving employers tips on how to avoid paying overtime to some of the 1.3 million low-income workers who would become eligible under new rules expected to be finalized early this year.

The department's advice comes even as it touts the \$895 million in increased wages that it says those workers would be guaranteed from the reforms.

Among the options for employers, published last March in a sum-

mary of the department's plan: Cut workers' hourly wages and add the overtime to equal the original salary, or raise salaries to the new \$22,100 annual threshold, making them ineligible. The current threshold is \$8,060 per year.

The department said it is merely listing well-known choices available to employers.

New overtime regulations were proposed in March after employers complained about costly lawsuits filed by workers who claimed they were unfairly being denied overtime. But the regulations have stirred controversy over how many workers would be stripped of their right to overtime pay. LEIGH STROPE (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
TncoAut	8.00	+1.26	+18.7
ColIAik	4.87	+67	+16.0
vjGrace	3.10	+37	+13.6
Jarden s	32.06	+3.73	+13.2
Coeur	6.67	+77	+13.1

Losers

OffshLog	21.75	-2.65	-10.9
FrankCov	2.48	-.30	-10.8
Waus-M	12.48	-1.19	-8.7
SierraHS	25.29	-2.16	-7.9
Lennox	15.50	-1.31	-7.8

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
SilcLtd	2.42	+.75	+44.9
ChinaRes	11.85	+3.43	+40.7
GblSrcs	12.54	+3.59	+40.0
HghwyH	7.39	+1.99	+36.9
Pumatech	5.30	+1.21	+29.6

Losers

Replgn	2.39	-1.77	-42.6
Neoware	10.60	-3.05	-22.3
MobilityElec	7.11	-1.85	-20.6
ActnPr	2.67	-.54	-16.8
ClctUnv	8.63	-1.72	-16.6

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	4.00	4.00
Fed Funds close	1.00	1.00
3-month	0.91	0.76
2-year	1.92	1.86
10-year	4.38	4.24
30-year	5.18	5.05

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5532	.5578	.6221
Canadian Dollar	1.2825	1.2883	1.5651
European Euro	.7893	.7945	.9601
Japanese Yen	106.08	106.98	119.78
Mexican Peso	11.0060	11.0720	10.3980
Taiwanese Dollar	33.87	33.97	34.80

DOW



+1.29

10544.07

NASDAQ



+2.03

2047.36

S&P 500



+1.24

1122.22

Biotech Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
Amersham	69.81	+1.16	+2.2
Amgen	62.35	...	+9
ApplBio	20.64	-.06	-.3
BiogenIdc	37.10	+.16	+1.1
Chiron	55.76	-.62	-2.1
Genentech	92.55	-1.24	-1.1
Genzyme	49.12	+.07	-.3
GileadSci	58.16	+.14	-.2
IMS Hlth	25.42	+.40	+2.3
Invitrogn	67.68	-1.66	-3.2
LabCp	36.95	-.48	...
MedImun	25.09	-.45	-1.1
MillPhar	19.01	+.14	+1.9
Monsnto	29.14	+.42	+1.3
QstDiag	72.50	+.25	-.8

Stocks Rise on Fed Remark, Tech News

NEW YORK | Wall Street began the first full week of 2004 with a solid advance Monday, rising on encouraging interest rate news, a strong semiconductor industry sales report and an upbeat forecast from software firm Siebel Systems.

The Nasdaq composite index rose 2 percent to its highest point in two years.

Positive high-tech news and a Federal Reserve governor's suggestion Sunday that interest rates might remain low sent stocks soaring as many traders got back to work after the holidays.

But analysts noted that Wall Street was also following its tendency to rise during the first weeks of the year. (AP)

Sports

Rose Admits to Betting on Baseball

Legend says that he gambled on games while managing Reds

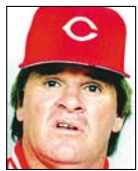
PRO BASEBALL | Now the waiting begins for Pete Rose.

Rose hopes baseball will end his lifetime ban after his first public acknowledgment he bet on games while managing the Cincinnati Reds.

For 14 years, Rose denied publicly he bet on baseball. He con-

fesses in "My Prison Without Bars," his autobiography due out Thursday, saying he regrets gambling on the game and then lying about it.

Rose says he started betting regularly on baseball in 1987, the year after he stopped playing, according to excerpts from the book released to Sports Illustrated for this week's issue.



Rose

Rose chronicles two meetings with baseball commissioners more than 13 years apart. In the first, with Peter Ueberroth in February 1989, the Reds' manager denied ever betting on baseball. In the second, with Bud Selig in November 2002, Rose decided to confess.

"Yes, sir, I did bet on baseball," Rose told Selig during the meeting. "How often?" Selig asked.

"Four or five times a week," Rose replied. "But I never bet against my own team, and I never made any bets from the clubhouse."

"Why?" Selig asked.

"I didn't think I'd get caught."

Rose repeated his admission in an interview on ABC News' "Primetime Thursday," parts of which aired Monday on "Good Morning America."

RONALD BLUM (AP)

14 years in the making: Thomas Boswell examines the long saga of baseball legend Pete Rose, who finally admitted to betting on baseball games | Today's Post, Sports

USC, LSU Finish Atop Final Polls

COLLEGE FOOTBALL | Coach Pete Carroll promised the USC Trojans will remain humble in their reign as The Associated Press's national champion — humble and hungry.

USC received 48 of the 65 first-place votes in The AP poll to win its first national title in football in 25 years.

The title was split, same as when the Trojans won the championship in the coaches' poll in 1978 while the media voters crowned Alabama. There was controversy at that time, too, because USC beat Alabama 24-14 early in the season.

This time, USC (12-1) topped USA Today/ESPN coaches' poll champion LSU, which beat Oklahoma 21-14 in the BCS title game Sunday night in the Sugar Bowl.



The AP's Clay Haswell and USC coach Pete Carroll lift the AP football trophy.

The coaches were obligated to vote for LSU (13-1), even though USC held the top spot in their poll going into the bowls. Three of the 63 coaches broke the agreement by voting the Trojans No. 1. Carroll and several USC players still felt the season seemed to end one

game short for the Trojans and the LSU Tigers.

"Another game would have been sweet. We would have loved it, but it didn't happen. I think there would be an awful lot of people that would have loved that matchup," Carroll said. KEN PETERS (AP)

Manning Heads List of NFL's Top Players in 2003

PRO FOOTBALL | Co-MVP Peyton Manning kept the quarterback spot on The Associated Press All-Pro Team all to himself, easily beating out the league's other Most Valuable Player, Steve McNair, to make the squad for the first time.

Joining the Indianapolis Colts' star on the team announced Monday were Baltimore's postseason award winners, linebacker Ray Lewis and running back Jamal Lewis.

Ray Lewis, the AP Defensive Player of the Year, led the way overall with 49 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters. Jamal Lewis, the AP Offensive Player of the Year, received the second-most votes, 46.

Kansas City had the most All-Pros with five, including running back Priest Holmes, tight end Tony Gonzalez. The Ravens had four All-Pros. (AP)

LIVE ONLINE

Chat House

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Washington Post columnists **MICHAEL WILBON** and **TONY KORNHEISER** were online Monday discussing college football, the Redskins and other sports.

Who is the best coaching candidate for the Redskins?

MIKE: I don't know who the best coaching candidate is. There are a half-dozen people that we know and talk about all the time and then there are assistants who none of us have heard of who are going to make great coaches someday. I hate this celebrity coaching game. There are a lot of potentially great coaches, but you have to look for them.

Just a quick note to applaud your accuracy in predicting (yet again) a 9-21 start for the Wizards. By the way, did you see where Kwame Brown, in the midst of his best performance ever as a Wizard, took himself out of the game because he was tired? How can a professional basketball player who is 21 years old in the most critical year of his career do something like that?

TONY: At the present time, the Washington Wizards are 28th in a 29-team league. At the present time, the Washington Capitals are tied for 29th in a 30-team league. Washington, D.C., has the worst winter teams in the entire country. Don't even ask me about Kwame Brown. At least he scored some points last night.

Has the D.C. area fallen off the radar screen as a sports town?

MIKE: No! If you're mediocre, you can fall off the radar. But D.C. is so bad that we are very much on the radar. And, it isn't going to get better anytime soon. The Capitals and Wizards could be bad for a long time. I think the right coach could get nine or 10 victories out of the Redskins next year.

Was it me or did the Heisman Trophy winner throw about one good pass in the Sugar Bowl?

TONY: I guarantee you this if the Heisman trophy voting were held today, Jason White would not finish in the top six. He has had two stinko games in a row with the whole country watching.

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

PRO BASKETBALL (8:30 p.m. on Comcast) The Washington Wizards go for their 10th win of the season when visiting the San Antonio Spurs, who will be without guard Manu Ginobili.

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN) Indiana (6-5) tries to snap out of its early season funk when playing defending Wisconsin (9-2).

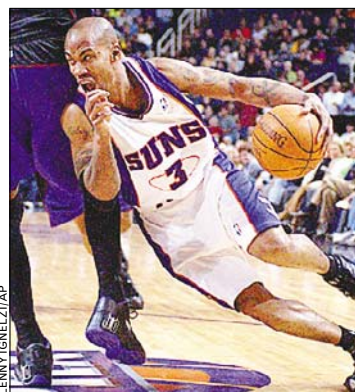
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (7 p.m. on ESPN2) In a nonconference game, Memphis (8-2) goes to Philadelphia to play Villanova (8-3).

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL (9 p.m. on ESPN) LSU's basketball team (9-1) tries to emulate the success of the school's football team when playing SEC rival Arkansas (8-3).

Major Trade Lands Marbury in N.Y.

PRO BASKETBALL | Stephon Marbury is returning to his hometown as part of a trade between the New York Knicks and Phoenix Suns on Monday.

The Knicks acquired Marbury, Anfernee Hardaway and Cezary Trybanski from Phoenix for Antonio McDyess, Howard Easley, Charlie Ward, Maciej Lampe, the rights to Milos Vujanovic, two first-round draft picks and cash. (AP)



Stephon Marbury is leaving the Suns to join the Knicks after Monday's trade.



JUST REWARD: Duke's women's basketball team ended Connecticut's season-long run atop the AP poll Monday, two days after beating UConn 68-67 to break the Huskies' 69-game home winning streak. (AP)

Los Reconquistadors

Spanish-language rock 'n' roll is taking over el nuevo mundo

MUSIC | In political circles, they call it "La Reconquista," a nativist theory that Mexicans are plotting to take back California and the Southwest.

In musical terms, that's not a bad way to sum up 2003. The past year brought an onslaught of new albums by top Mexican rock bands — Molotov, Cafe Tacuba, El Gran Silencio, Control Machete, Kinky — just when people thought these pioneers of the alt-Latino sound had surrendered or retreated.

El Gran Silencio's "Super Riddim Internacional" with its gritty street energy and cumbia-hip hop fusion, was the most compelling of the albums by these groups, though the others had their high points.

Molotov, the incendiary rap-metal group produced by Gustavo Santaolalla, deserves special mention for "Frijolero" (Beaner), its raw, provocative take on racial hostility at the U.S.-Mexico border. The song won video of the year at the fourth annual Latin Grammy Awards, held for the first time in Miami, where anti-Castro protesters picketed against phantom Cuban artists who never showed up because



MARCELO HERNANDEZ/AP

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they didn't get visas.

Conspiracy theorists still see the Cuban absence as a deliberate shutout, secretly accomplished with the help of allies in Washington. But whether Machiavellian or just bureaucratic, it was an embarrassment for a country that preaches freedom of expression to the rest of the world.

The year also brought some auspicious debuts, including delightful and inventive singer-songwriters — Mexico's Natalia Lafourcade and Argentina's Kevin Johansen. Both were picked up by Sony, a sign that the major labels might be paying more attention to offbeat talent that doesn't fit the old Latin pop mold.

But the year's most rewarding discoveries came from Spain. Flamenco, that powerful, primal art form, is fueling a resurgence of creativity, from the underground fusion of Barcelona's Ojos de Brujo to the well-crafted new album by pop star Alejandro Sanz.

Next year will bring the U.S. release of two other great albums from Spain — "Lagrimas Negras," the flamenco-Cuban fusion by Bebo Valdes and Diego El Cigala, and "Oye Como Viene," the latest flamenco-jazz fusion by pianist Chano Dominguez.

Let the Spanish Reconquista begin. AGUSTIN GURZA (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Top Stops

FOR COMPLETE EVENT LISTINGS SEE
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Get Happy: 'Allegro' at Signature

Rodgers and Hammerstein never got sufficient credit for the forward-thinking musical "Allegro." Local maestro Eric Schaeffer directs this story of one man's life, with a revised book by Joe DiPietro and with orchestration by Jonathan Tunick. Through Feb. 22.

Signature Theatre, 3806 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; tonight's performance 7:30 p.m., \$28-\$42; 703-218-6500.

By Popular Demand: 'Gershwin' Reprised

Speaking of music, it seems that we can't let "George Gershwin Alone" alone. Hershey Felder's one-man show, a loving tribute to the great American songwriter and the process of creation, is back for another heartwarming run. Through Jan. 25.

Ford's Theatre, 511 10th St. NW; tonight's performance 7:30 p.m., \$30-\$45; 202-347-4833. (Metro Center)



Hershey Felder as George Gershwin tackles a moment of divine inspiration.

Baby, It's Cold Outside: Nature Hike

We're not endorsing the idea of taking your kids or even yourself out on a nature hike in the dead of winter to observe the sights (of twigs? Very cold rabbits?). It's our job to tell you that such outings are available. A staff member leads participants on a hike and points out the twigs and rabbits. Bundle up.

Lederer Environmental Education Center and Youth Gardens, 4801 Nannie Helen Burroughs Ave. NE; 3:45 p.m., free; 202-727-8061.

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Snow Business

VIDEO GAMES | Ever fantasized about throwing down a backside 720 corkscrew polished off with a sweet stalefish grab and grinding the rails?

Hello, Amped 2 — your ticket to snowboarding stardom.

The new version of Microsoft Game Studio's popular snowboarding game is both highly addictive and educational. Not only does it have you soaring off cornices from Mount Hood to Mount Buller, but the games teaches players the difference between an indy and an ollie.

The key to Amped 2 is to rack up points in the terrain park, in the pipe and in the back country.

But tight 1080s and masterful melon grabs aren't enough. Like any good pro, you've got to mind the media and placate the sponsors.

And when you've pleased your sponsors and the public and have been deemed photogenic enough to grace the cover of "Transworld Snowboarding," you can take your skills online with Xbox Live. Impress your friends or just watch your rides from start to finish — and gloat — in replay mode.



Climb every mountain ... and then race down it flinging ice and bad attitude.

WHERE AMPED 2 IS ALL TECHNIQUE, EA Sports Big's SSX3 is pure fantasy and flash.

With its psychedelic graphics, pumping soundtrack and pierced ruffians, SSX3 plays to snowboarding's reputation as a sport for punks. The characters are all attitude, from feisty Allegra ("Could I look any better?") to veterans like the snarling Psymon.

This is not the Olympics — you get to break through glass walls and jump train tracks. Throw a punch to knock down fellow shredders as you compete in racing, freestyle or free ride. SSX3 isn't as much for snowboarding purists as Amped 2, but it does a superb job conveying the thrill of the big-mountain ride. JEAN H. LEE (AP)



Entertainment

TopStops

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Hollywood East: 'Five Lines' Screens

4 Local filmmakers Nicholas Panagopoulos and Travis Gray immortalize D.C. in their film "Five Lines," which follows a runaway, a soldier, a divorcee, a con man and a homeless woman as they intersect on the last day of their lives. (The lines of the title refer to Metro lines.) The screening will feature the film in its original HD format; the event is a DVD release party. There will be festivities throughout the evening — hence range of prices — so check the Web site for details.

AFI Silver Theatre, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 9:30 p.m., \$8-\$30; 301-495-6720 or www.5lines.com. (Silver Spring)



RUGGED MAIL: Christopher Corbett at home in Baltimore discusses the fabulous lies that dogged the Pony Express.

Four-Footed Heroes

The legends of the Pony Express die hard

PERSONALITY | Christopher Corbett was chasing down the truth about the Pony Express one day near Mud Springs, Neb., when a local shared some words of wisdom: "We don't lie out here. We just remember big."

In his recent book, "Orphans Preferred: The Twisted Truth

and Lasting Legend of the Pony Express," Corbett examines fact and fiction about the short-lived mail relay that captured the expanding nation's imagination.

While carrying mail along the 1,950-mile route between St. Joseph, Mo., and Sacramento, Calif.,

in 1860 and 1861, wiry horsemen fought Indians and the elements, barren deserts and desperadoes.

"What I was trying to do was celebrate the genius of an American legend and, if possible, separate fact from fiction," said Corbett, a University of Maryland-Baltimore County journalism professor.

In more than five years of

research, Corbett visited facilities in eight states along the route of "the Pony," as it was known.

Corbett also found the story was embellished over the years by Mark Twain, Buffalo Bill Cody, Frederic Remington and others. Dime novels and Hollywood added to the lore.

He is even skeptical that the phrase "orphans preferred" appeared in Pony Express rider recruitment ads. No evidence of the original has ever surfaced, he said.

"I picked the phrase for the book title because it perfectly evoked the twisted truth and lasting legend of the Pony," Corbett said. "There's not a gift shop between St. Joe and Sacramento where you can't buy that ad."

Despite the legends, the fact remains that the Pony's unprecedented mail service of 10 days or less was an amazing feat that helped link the young country from one coast to the other, he said.

While the mail service lasted only 18 months and never made a dime, the lone rider on the plains remains one of the most enduring images of the Old West.

"No memory of the vanished 19th-century West is more revered, and few are more beloved and cherished, than that of the long-ago riders," Corbett wrote. "And some of those memories are even true."

MARTIN GRIFFITH (AP)

SINK OR SWIM: Yuppies stay afloat in Maria Friberg's "Almost There."

Happy Anniversary: Conner Looks Back

5 Conner Contemporary Art looks back over its first half-decade. "5-Year Retro," a survey of works spanning this period, including pieces from Andres Serrano, Andy Warhol, Leo Villareal, Maria Friberg, David Levinthal, Rosemarie Trockel and more. Through Jan. 31.

Conner Contemporary Art, 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750. (Dupont Circle)

From bad weather to smelly passengers—reality TV takes off

TELEVISION | The star of the next reality television show isn't a model, an actor or a beach-dwelling survivor; it's an airline.

The show follows employees of Southwest Airlines as they deal with weather delays, blackouts and passengers who are running late or too drunk or too smelly to board the plane. There are unhappy travelers and a few shouting matches.

"Airline" began Monday night on the A&E Network, whose executives believe it will make compelling television that travelers can easily grasp.

"When you go to cocktail parties, there is always somebody talking



FRIENDLY SKIES: Southwest's captain John Miller and first officer Erika Arquilla.

about the long delay on their last flight. Everyone in the room wants to share their travel stories — the love-hate relationship we have with air travel," said Nancy Dubuc, vice president of documentary pro-

gramming at A&E. "It's that common connection."

Along with constant shots of Southwest planes and people, the show includes frequent praise for Southwest's customer service —

delivered matter-of-factly by the narrator.

At the same time, many of the scenes show unhappy travelers complaining about one thing or another. A few vow never to fly Southwest again, and the show's overall tone doesn't exactly glorify air travel.

The producers — the U.S. division of Granada plc., which also produces the U.K. original — spent six months shooting video at Los Angeles International Airport and Chicago's Midway Airport.

A&E solicited story ideas from Southwest customers. In one episode, a passenger let cameras follow him as he proposed to his girlfriend in mid-flight.

For the most part, however, Dubuc said, crews simply showed up at the gate or ticket counter and kept their cameras rolling until something interesting happened. She said none of the scenes were scripted or set up to heighten conflict. DAVID KOENIG (AP)



ROAD TRIP: Jump, jive, wail etc. with zoot-suited masters Big Bad Voodoo Daddy. Through Jan. 7. Rams Head Tavern, 33 West St., Annapolis, Md.; 8 p.m., \$33.50; 410-268-4545.

Entertainment

ON TV TONIGHT

WHAT ABOUT EVIL TWINS?

As you can imagine, I watch a lot of television. And I get cranky when I see highly paid writers rely on ancient plot devices. Let's take tonight's **NAVY NCIS** (8 p.m., CBS), which involves an amnesia victim who may hold secrets about a terrorist plot. Yes, amnesia.

Used to be, almost every other show involved either amnesia or quicksand. But somehow quicksand began to seem hackneyed. Maybe it was the rise of the

suburban sitcom — one couldn't imagine Dick Van Dyke sinking into a pit of quicksand. But amnesia, for some reason, lingers.

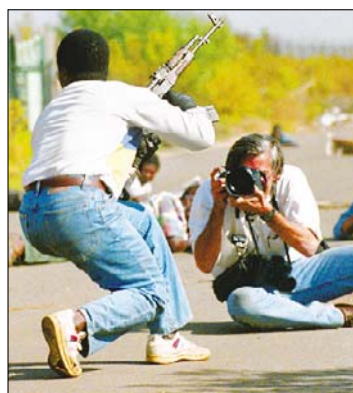
When characters aren't forgetting themselves, they're attending bachelor parties. You can judge a show's vulgarity by the frequency of bachelor-party episodes. **ROCK ME BABY** (9 p.m., UPN) is one long bachelor party.

And no compendium of sitcom clichés is complete without the high-school reunion. **I'M WITH HER** (8:30 p.m., ABC) trots out that tired story tonight, when the famous Alex attends Patrick's

reunion in disguise. And "Bachelor" Bob Guiney shows up in a cameo!

WRITERS ON THE FRONT LINES REPORTERS AT WAR (8 p.m., Discovery) Jeremy Irons hosts a powerful four-part series about the dangers faced by journalists covering conflicts from the trenches of World War I to the blood-stained corridors of the Palestine Hotel in downtown Baghdad.

Not for the squeamish, "War" includes searing footage of several recent conflicts, including Rwanda and Sarajevo, which did not make the local news broadcasts. More than one



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CULT CHOICE

A FACE IN THE CROWD (8 p.m., TCM) A charming Arkansas guitar-picker (Andy Griffith) becomes a television superstar and political demagogue in Elia Kazan's tragic satire from 1957. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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CRUNCHY: Luis Manzo works his abs at a Cuts Fitness branch in Northridge, Calif.

Men at Workout

Women-only gym Curves inspires a male counterpart

FITNESS | It was bound to happen. The phenomenal success of Curves International, a chain of small, women-only gyms offering 30-minute circuit training, has begat a slew of copycats.

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The roster of gyms now includes Ladies Workout Express, Contours Express and Slim and Tone. And Cuts Fitness for Men is a New Jersey-based chain offering circuit training to men.

Cuts Fitness for Men was based on Curves, but founder John Gennaro tweaked it for men. The stations, for instance, allow exercisers to use a punching bag and a jump rope instead of jogging in place. He also added television sets: "So if you don't want to talk to someone, rather than stare at a wall, you can watch TV and not be rude."

"They come in pairs — I've got fathers and sons and friends who join," says Cuts owner Jeff Jarred of his Los Angeles club. "I want this to be a club where they want to come, even if it's just to watch TV and have a bottle of water."

JEANNINE STEIN (L.A. TIMES)

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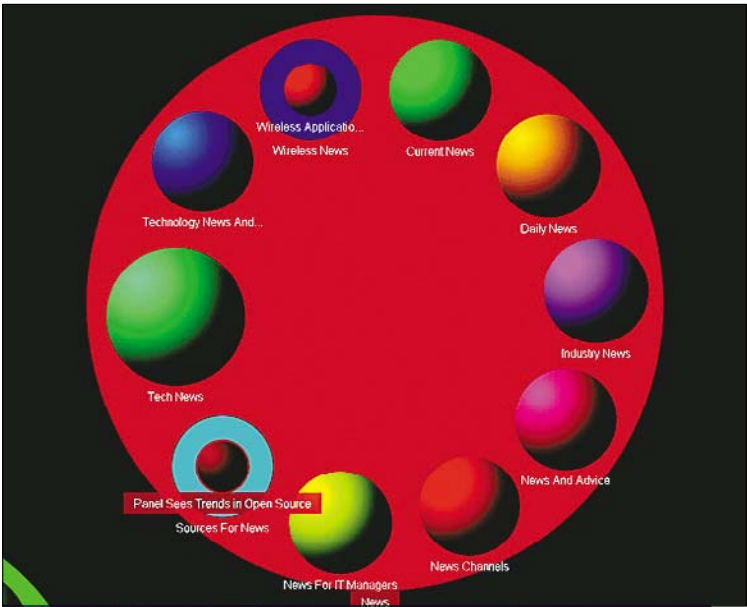
A similar process powers Grokker, a downloadable program that not only sorts search results into categories but also “maps” the results, showing each category as a colorful circle. Within each circle, subcategories appear as more circles that can be clicked on and zoomed in on.

Let’s say you’re curious about accommodations in France and enter a search for “Paris Hilton.” Google recognizes this as a possible search for a hotel, but still produces page after page about socialite Paris Hilton. That’s because Google ranks pages largely based on how many other sites link to them.

If you run the search on Grokker, however, the resulting circle shows all the possible categories of information the Internet offers on a search for “Paris Hilton” — including reviews, maps and online booking sites for the Hilton hotel in Paris, which are all but buried in the Google rankings.

Groxis Inc., the 15-person company that introduced Grokker last year and released an upgraded, \$49 second version in December, is not out to replace Google.

In 2004, Grokker plans to release up to two dozen plug-ins that will work with a wider variety of databases, including the Library of Congress, news Web sites and Google itself. BRIAN BERGSTEIN (AP)



DO YOU GROK? Grokker categorizes Web site search engine results graphically.

Googles to Come

WEB | Internet search engines have a pretty big flaw. They often deliver too much information, and a lot of it isn’t what we’re looking for.

Some intriguing technologies are getting better at bringing order to all that chaos. Software now emerging analyzes search results and automatically sorts them into categories that, at a glance, present far more information than the typical textual list.

Pittsburgh-based Vivisimo Inc., sells its technology, which quickly puts search results into clickable

categories, to companies and intelligence agencies, and offers free Web searches at Vivisimo.com.

Co-founder Raul Valdes-Perez describes it like this: If the Internet is a bookstore in which all the books are piled randomly on the floor, then Vivisimo is like a superfast librarian who can instantly arrange the titles on shelves in a way that makes sense. The software determines categories on the fly.

Heaven: It’s a big week for techies, what with Macworld Expo in San Francisco and the Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. Get the dirt at www.technews.com.

Wal-Mart vs. Napster

MUSIC | Wal-Mart Stores Inc.’s foray into downloadable music sales is a respectable effort. While Wal-Mart’s price is right — 88 cents per song — it’s only for PC users equipped with Windows 98 or better.

For your 88 cents you’ll get a file in the Windows Media Audio format that “phones home” to make sure you’re the authorized listener who has rightfully purchased the tunes. You can also buy a complete album for \$9.44. That’s cheaper by 11 cents per song and half a buck per album than iTunes, MusicMatch and Napster.

You can search Wal-Mart’s database of songs by artist, album or

Wal-Mart Enters Music Downloading

Wal-Mart has begun a music download service offering songs for less than the price of Apple’s iTunes Music Store. The service, geared toward soft pop and country, doesn’t require extra software.

Download service	Basic monthly cost	Approximate library size	Cost to download	Company
 iTunes	None	400,000 songs	\$0.99 song / albums vary	Apple
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 napster	None	500,000 songs	\$0.99 song / \$9.95 album	Roxio
 WAL-MART®	None	80,000 songs	\$0.88 song / albums vary	Wal-Mart

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song title. The 80,000-CD catalog is thick with country, rap and pop. There doesn’t seem to be much classical at all; searches for Mozart and Beethoven came up empty.

Those looking for rap tunes laden with profanities are out of luck here. Only clean, edited version of such songs are available.

RON HARRIS (AP)

People

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A Pirate Soul Has He, Arr

Former Philadelphia 76ers president **PAT CROCE** plans to open a pirate museum in Key West, Fla. Croce bought a building in Key West's downtown for \$3 million last week. He said the museum will feature items from his pirate collection, including a treasure chest from Capt. Thomas Tew. He hopes to open Pirate Soul in the fall. (AP)



CHERYL GERBER/AP

HUSBANDS

Kentwood's Pride

Britney Spears's two-day-old marriage to childhood friend **JASON ALLEN ALEXANDER** was annulled Monday. Both are from Kentwood, La.; Alexander's grandmother holds up his photo at left. "We were just looking at each other," Alexander said, "and said, 'Let's do something wild, crazy. Let's go get married, just for the hell of it.'" (AP)



JIM COOPER/AP

Fefe Dobson, selective hater of men.

REBUTTALS

18-Year-Old 'Loves Boys'

FEFE DOBSON bashes boys in the songs on her self-titled debut album, but the Canadian teen pop sensation insists she's fond of the male gender. "I love boys," Dobson told the San Francisco Chronicle in an interview published Sunday. Dobson, all over MTV with her hit "Take Me Away," explained the source of her venomous lyrics: "I was also longing for a boyfriend, or the right boyfriend, and I was upset that I couldn't have that, so I just lashed out." (AP)

CAMEOS

A Very Special Split Second

JERRY SEINFELD will drop in on his old friend, Larry David, this season on "Curb Your Enthusiasm." "But don't blink," David told Newsweek. The comedian, with whom he created "Seinfeld," showed up on the set and made a brief cameo. (AP)



ROYALS

Didn't Like Charles Anyway

A forklift driver named Michael Hastings, who has lived in Australia for 38 years, is the rightful heir to the

British throne, contends a British historian. The theory: Edward IV, an ancestor of Queen Elizabeth, was illegitimate, making his brother's line that of succession. Hastings, the

14th Scottish Earl of Loudoun, was unfazed, promising not to "write a letter to the Queen and say 'You've got three weeks to get out and you owe me 500 years' rent.'" (EXPRESS)

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Pollen Index (Yesterday)
Reading: Main offender: Not available

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Letters

TO THE EDITOR

IN YOUR DEC. 31 ISSUE, you featured "2003 Names in the News" and mentioned Jessica Lynch but none of the other former prisoners of war. I can't believe you felt that she was the only POW worth mentioning. As a cousin of former POW SoShana Johnson, I was very angered and saddened that you chose to alienate her and the other six gentlemen. They all should have been mentioned.

—TISHA R. BARTON
Bowie, Md.

I'D JUST LIKE TO TAKE a moment to thank Del. Herbert McMillan for his tuition cap legislation ("Md. Tuition Hikes Assailed," Jan. 5). I look forward to the General Assembly approving it. For too long, students have been subjected to unpredictable tuition hikes, while university officials have continued to raise their own pay.

Even more offensive is the assertion that the University of Maryland/College Park has maintained quality in the face of budget cuts, leading one to believe they were operating very inefficiently in the past and making students pay for the inefficiencies. The system's Enron-like tactics must cease.

—BRYAN SHUY
Olney, Md.

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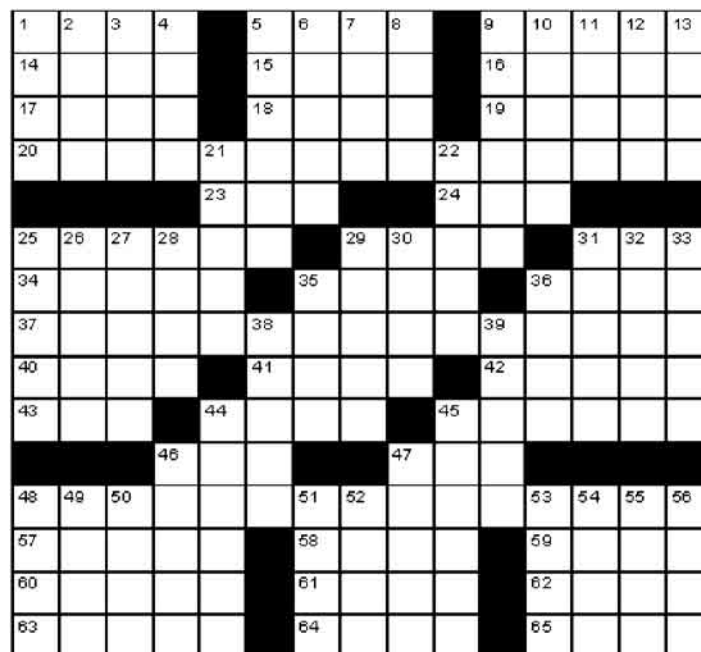
Yesterday's Solution



Crossword Puzzle: Ho-Hum | Edited by Timothy E. Parker

ACROSS

- 1 Goose's gullet
- 5 "Spartacus" author
- 9 Catatonic states
- 14 Pained expression
- 15 Hodgepodge
- 16 Muscat native
- 17 Like dirty hearths
- 18 Little streamlet
- 19 Site for a set
- 20 "Been there, done that"
- 23 Hit the campaign trail
- 24 Menu words
- 25 Ironfisted one
- 29 Sprightly
- 31 Tanner's tub
- 34 Fundamental truth
- 35 Kiln for drying hops
- 36 Resigned sound
- 37 Enough to put you to sleep
- 40 6/6/44
- 41 Inking
- 42 Lacking any point
- 43 Willing word
- 44 Huff and puff
- 45 Sleekly suave
- 46 Flood refuge
- 47 Shoshone
- 48 Not worth pursuing
- 57 Divvy out
- 58 Gobi's location
- 59 Not well grounded



DOWN

- 60 Publicity feat
- 61 Bumpkin
- 62 Schemer's conception
- 63 Comfortably informal
- 64 Crooner Bennett
- 65 Plies a needle

DOWN

- 1 Cover completely
- 2 Bum's ____ (ejection)
- 3 Hurt all over
- 4 Wherefores' companions
- 5 General plan or makeup

DOWN

- 6 Green card holder
- 7 Missile housing
- 8 Driving expense
- 9 Exorbitant
- 10 Creighton University site
- 11 Sudanese Republic, formerly

- 12 Soon
- 13 Tell all
- 21 Tantalizing fragrance
- 22 Villainous Vader
- 25 Pop
- 26 Ooze from
- 27 Companion of Paul's
- 28 Roly-____
- 29 Francis or Augustine
- 30 Attention-getter
- 31 Of utmost importance
- 32 Star's broker
- 33 Scores in sixty
- 35 Valhalla VIP
- 36 All there
- 38 Plumed military hat
- 39 Some spouses
- 44 Way of sitting
- 45 Not jumpy at all
- 46 Make amends
- 47 Grant's command
- 48 Elutriate
- 49 Kind of sax
- 50 Urban renewal target
- 51 Bit of truth
- 52 Capital by a fjord
- 53 Bugler's farewell
- 54 ____ au Haut, ME
- 55 Persian comment
- 56 Diner sign

The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope | Stella Wilder

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — You'll realize at some point that you are in a far better position to negotiate in some way than you had thought.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Your personal techniques and your ability to communicate in even the most stressful of situations may win you a new friend before the day is out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) — A little more research may be necessary before you can consider yourself truly ready to tackle a coming challenge with confidence.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — You may be the one who has to say "I'm sorry" — first, at any rate. Once you make the first move, someone else will follow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — You may be wavering between two very different choices, but by day's end you'll realize just which option is right for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) — You may find yourself tracing the same path again and again throughout the course of the day. You're getting it right.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You may have some trouble that springs from a place you know only too well. It's time once again to delve into the depths of your own psyche.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Be careful what you ask for, for as the saying goes, you may get it. Take care you don't find yourself in over your head.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — You're not about to lose your charm or your spark, so you can forge ahead with confidence, sure of yourself and your abilities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — A minor malfunction of something technical, mechanical or electronic may have you rethinking your efforts and making an alternate plan.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Take care that you are not overindulging in something which may be ample for you in smaller doses. You don't want to overdo it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — What holds true for others is sure to hold true for you as well, though it may take you some time before you come to that conclusion.

LIVE ONLINE

Mars Mission

From washingtonpost.com/liveonline

Producer and director **MARK DAVIS** was online Monday to discuss the latest mission to Mars, the landing of the rover "Spirit" and the NOVA special "MARS Dead or Alive."

If the rovers "Spirit" and "Opportunity" prove to be successful and assuming we find water on Mars, do you predict man will land on Mars before we colonize the moon?

I think that we will go back to the moon before we go to Mars — as part of the process of getting to Mars. But this is really a guess on my part. I'm sure humans will go to Mars someday. That's just part of the human spirit, to go wherever it is possible to go. It is possible to get to Mars, but it takes money.

What is the time delay between a picture being taken on Mars and the time it's received?

It takes about 10 minutes for a radio signal to travel between Mars and Earth. And there is a little time to process the image — it's pretty fast.

How did the focus of your NOVA story evolve, given that there's so much that could have been covered?

It was a little frustrating knowing that we could only tell part of the story of what was going on. But we tried to find the central problem that had to be solved and build our story around that. At this point, the story we told is about getting to Mars. I hope we can be able to continue to cover this and tell the story of what happens next.

How many days will the rovers be able to transmit data back to Earth?

They are expecting the rovers to operate at least three months or longer. The thing that will ultimately end the mission will be the accumulation of dust on the solar panels, which will eventually limit the power that the rovers have and their ability to recharge the heaters that keep them from freezing.

Today on Live Online

12:30 P.M.: John Zogby, president and CEO of Zogby International, discusses his latest political polling numbers and the 2004 election.

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